

**Goal:** Citizens and policymakers should work to have states and school districts adopt social studies standards modeled on *American Birthright*, to teach students their birthright of liberty.

**Why Social Studies Standards Matter:** State education departments use standards to provide guidance to each public K-12 school district and charter school as they create their own courses. They influence what textbook authors write, what assessment companies such as the College Board test for in advanced placement examinations, and what private schools and homeschool parents teach. They affect teacher training and frame teachers' individual lesson plans.

**What *American Birthright* Contains:** Thorough instruction in History, Geography, Civics, and Economics, focused on Western Civilization, World History, United States History, and Civics.

**Focus on Liberty:** *American Birthright* teaches students to identify the ideals, institutions, and individual examples of liberty and republican self-government; assess how well civilizations have fulfilled these ideals; and describe the formation of modern American ideals. *American Birthright* teaches how American liberty expanded to include all Americans, and of heroes of liberty such as Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ronald Reagan.

**Broad Appeal:** *American Birthright* has been designed to be appealing and acceptable to a broad majority of Americans, and not just to small political fraction of the country.

**Flexibility:** *American Birthright* is designed so that states and school districts can alter the standards in any way they see fit, including by adding state and local history.

**Teacher Freedom:** *American Birthright* provides teachers freedom, including by adding new topics, incorporating independent lesson plans, and uniting items into thematic units.

**Clear Format:** *American Birthright* eliminates tangles of skills and crosswalks and concentrates on facts to learn, presented in a simple bullet-pointed list of factual items.

**Accountability:** *American Birthright's* straightforward structure makes it easy for teachers to use and easy for parents to hold teachers accountable for how well they teach social studies.

**Reliable Assessment:** *American Birthright's* content-rich standards make it easy both for teachers and for large organizations such as ETS to create tests that accurately assess student knowledge.

**Patriotic Elementary School Education:** *American Birthright* incorporates a patriotic emphasis throughout the K-6 standards.

**Western Civilization:** *American Birthright* restores a Western Civilization sequence to Grades 8-9, to teach students a coherent narrative of Western Civilization's ideals and institutions of liberty.

**World History:** *American Birthright* provides a thorough education in World Geography in Grade 6, and a Grade 10 World History course that teaches students the details of each region's history.

**Thorough High School Sequence:** *American Birthright* provides a comprehensive four-year sequence for high school: Western Civilization, World History, United States History, and Civics.

**Primary Sources:** *American Birthright* provides a series of primary sources for Grades 8-12, so students can read documents of liberty and know how human beings understood their own times.

**Equal Opportunity:** *American Birthright's* intensive content standards especially benefit disadvantaged students and fulfill America's promise of equal educational opportunity for all.

**Social Studies For All Americans:** *American Birthright* teaches students to love America's wonderful ideals and history and to reject bigoted pedagogies such as Critical Race Theory.